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**AN ACT CONCERNING A RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY
STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Legislative Program Review
2 and Investigations Committee shall conduct a study of the
3 management and management practices of the Department of
4 Children and Families utilizing the principles of results-based
5 accountability and guided by the following results-based
6 accountability result statement: All children in Connecticut will live
7 safe, healthy and productive lives free from abuse and neglect and
8 family well-being will be supported and preserved. For purposes of
9 this section, "results-based accountability" means the method of
10 planning, budgeting and performance measurement for department
11 programs that focuses on the quality of life results the state desires for
12 its children and that identifies program performance measures and
13 indicators of the progress the department makes in achieving such
14 quality of life results in addition to the department programs and
15 partners that make a significant contribution to such quality of life
16 results.

17 (b) The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee
18 shall (1) identify any strategies used by the Department of Children
19 and Families to contribute to the result statement described in

20 subsection (a) of this section; (2) identify any programs associated with
21 such strategies; (3) identify the measures used by the department to
22 routinely assess the progress of such strategies and programs in terms
23 of their success and whether anyone is better off as a result of such
24 strategies and programs; (4) determine the adequacy of the
25 department's data collection and whether the department is using such
26 data adequately to report on how well such programs are being run
27 and whether anyone is better off as a result of such programs; (5)
28 create a profile of the management structure of the department
29 including, but not limited to, all levels of management and the
30 reporting relationships and practices between each level of
31 management and the various divisions and bureaus within the
32 department; (6) determine whether the department's management and
33 current management structure supports the strategies and programs
34 described in subdivision (3) of this subsection or contributes to the
35 result statement described in subsection (a) of this section; (7) identify
36 any issues or problems associated with the management and
37 management structure of the department or the department's
38 strategies and programs that (A) impede or delay such strategies and
39 programs or the achievement of the result statement described in
40 subsection (a) of this section; (B) present barriers to successful program
41 implementation; or (C) add to the cost of managing such programs or
42 the achievement of the department's desired outcomes and the result
43 statement described in subsection (a) of this section; and (8) identify
44 any issues or problems with the department's data collection that limit
45 the committee from reporting in a timely, accurate and appropriate
46 manner regarding management's performance or the department's
47 achievement of its desired outcomes and the result statement
48 described in subsection (a) of this section.

49 (c) Not later than sixth months after the effective date of this section,
50 the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee shall
51 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
52 statutes, to the select committee of the General Assembly having
53 cognizance of matters relating to children regarding the results of its

54 results-based accountability study and any recommendations
55 regarding the management practices of the Department of Children
56 and Families.

57 (d) The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee
58 may consult with any federal or state agencies with oversight
59 responsibility or the authority it deems necessary to complete the
60 results-based accountability study pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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